

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached five drawing sheets include changes to FIGS. 1, 2, 2-1, 4, 5 and 6, and replace the original drawing sheets that had FIGS. 1, 2, 2-1, 4, 5 and 6 thereon. In FIGS. 2 and 2-1 the reference numeral “41” has been deleted. In FIGS. 1, 4, 5 and 6, the label “air” has been replaced with --noble air--.

Attachment: Five Replacement Sheets.

REMARKS

Figures 1, 4, 5 and 6 have been corrected, replacing the term “air” with --noble air--, and the reference number “71” in Figure 4 has been deleted. Further, in Figures 2 and 2-1 the reference number “41” has been deleted. These amended Figures are attached to this response and should overcome the Examiner’s objections.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fischer et al., USPN 6,575,382. However, the Examiner has pointed out that claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claim 3 has been cancelled and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 therein, so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art cited by the Examiner. It is believed that, the amended claim 1 defines a structure whose construction and function are quite different from and patentably distinguishable over the cited prior arts. Therefore, it is believed that, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) should be removed, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

This Amendment was prepared by Applicant, and is being submitted without substantive change by the undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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